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COAST GUARD - P. CARRIGAN (SUBS)

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TO AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

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TAGS: OCLR, CZ

SUBJECT: PORT SECURITY CZECH VESSELS

1. SINCE PROCEDURE OF PERMITTING CZECH VESSELS TO REQUEST PERMISSION TO ENTER US PORTS BY MEANS OF DIRECT REQUEST TO COAST GUARD THROUGH AGENTS WAS INSTITUTED, PROBLEMS INVOLVING CZECH VESSELS HAVE BEEN REDUCED. THERE ARE STILL PROBLEMS, HOWEVER, IN RECEIVING TIMELY REQUEST IN ALL CASES FROM AGENTS. RECENT CASE INVOLVING WITCOVICE REQUIRED TWO EXCEPTIONS TO 14-RULE WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED HAD ONE AGENT BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING REQUIRED REQUESTS. INSTEAD AT LEAST THREE AGENTS WERE INVOLVED WITH RESULTANT DELAYS AND NECESSITY TO BEND REGULATIONS FOR PARTIAL ACCOMMODATION OF SHIPPERS.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CONTACT OWNERS OF CZECH VESSELS AND ADVISE THEM TO ASSURE THAT CHARTERERS ARRANGE FOR ONE GENERAL AGENT TO HANDLE EACH VESSEL IN ITS US PORT CALLS. DIVIDED RESPONSIBILITY AS IN PRESENT SITUATION DOES NOT PERMIT SMOOTH FUNCTIONING OF PORT SECURITY SYSTEM. CENTRALIZED RESPONSIBILITY UNDER ONE AGENT FOR EACH VESSEL WOULD ENABLE AGENTS BETTER TO MEET REQUIREMENTS OF US PORT ENTRY SYSTEM. AGENT SO SELECTED SHOULD BE ADVISED OF 14-DAY

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